

HOW A CLERGYMAN VIEWS THE BICYCLE.

Rev. John L. Scudder, of Jersey City, Discusses the Wheel in Its Relation to Sunday and the Church.

Having been a bicyclist for thirty years, my attitude toward the wheel is without professional prejudice. First I bestrode a velocipede, whose pedals were attached to the front axle and forced a man to throw his feet out ahead of him, somewhat like a mustang attempting to kick with his front feet.

Subsequently I mounted a 50-inch wheel, and it was my special delight to ride up and down in front of my deacon's house, because he though cycling was unorthodox, and I believed, he was not up to date and needed enlightenment. While engaged in this educational work I received a "head er," which pleased the deacon and almost necessitated my riding in a harness—a mode of travel in which I never could take any special interest or develop any enthusiasm.

In the course of time and the march of evolution I secured a safety, which I now ride as conscientiously as I say my prayers, and propose to ride as long as I can sit on a saddle. I mention these facts to show that I have no ministerial bias on this subject; that I can look on the bicycle with the eyes of a wheelman and clergyman at the same time.

The Jersey City Tabernacle, like its pastor, is fairly liberal. It has always taken a deep interest in cyclists, male and female, and taught over 500 people to ride the wheel in its People's Palace Hall adjoining the sanctuary.

My church holds the proud distinction of being the first in America to hold special services for cyclists and check their wheels during divine worship. Scores of wheelmen and wheelwomen are members of my church, and frequently it is my privilege to join them and others living outside of the city in holy matrimony and send them forth, as it were, on "bicycles built for two." My young people think nothing of riding to church on wheels, for the "bicycle" of today is as much of a vehicle as the horse car, and a far more sensible mode of locomotion.

The bicycle has a religious value, inasmuch as it is the function of religion to minister to the entire man and build him up in body, mind and heart. The bicycle promotes physical health, which is indispensable to the best form of Christianity.

Christ healed men and made them whole. The bicycle does the same. Its effect upon the body is uplifting, for it adds exhilaration to exercise. It carries a man over the ground without the consciousness of effort and gives him the sensation of flying. It expands the lungs with fresh air and sends the blood galloping through the system.

It induces perspiration without fatigue, expels effete material through the pores of the skin and gives a man the appetite of a gladiator. It puts color in the cheek, brilliance in the eye and elasticity in the entire framework.

It spreads joyed city people over country roads and acquaints them with something besides flagstones and "sky-scrapers." It is making us an athletic people, diminishing our nervousness and toughening our muscular fibre.

Intellectually also the bicycle is not without benefit. Wheeling is a mental tonic second to none. It turns a man's thoughts from business cares and fixes them on blue sky, green fields, trees, streams, cattle, birds and flowers.

It clarifies his brain. I have ascertained that the best stimulus for Sunday is a spin on Saturday. A man feels more like working, his thoughts come quicker and they are several shades brighter.

Moreover the wheel cultivates the power of observation, sharpens the wits and develops courage and presence of mind. It makes women independent and self-reliant.

They used to go into hysterics if they saw a mouse, but now they will dart through a dangerous and crowded thoroughfare with cool heads and smiling faces, and seldom do we hear of a mishap. Truck drivers swear less when they see these fairies flitting about them. That alone is a religious gain worth mentioning.

Morally the bicycle exercises a tremendous influence, for wheeling is decidedly opposed to intoxicating drinks and dissipation of all kinds. To be a good rider a man must conserve his energies. He cannot set his blood on fire with alcohol, nor waste his substance in riotous living. I never saw a tipsy wheelman in my life, and a month of intercourse with cyclists is worth more than a dozen sermons on temperance, because this sport is in favor of total abstinence. I regard this a strong point.

The wheel exercises preventive and redemptive power, and so far forth is essentially religious. Furthermore the bicycle makes people cheerful, vivacious, sympathetic and affable, and these are elements of piety much to be desired.

Wheeling drives dull care away, makes life worth living. It enables the rider to be genial and religiously attractive and to talk more acceptably in meeting. Thus Christian cyclists present a sharp contrast to those bilious saints who are always mourning for Zion and making the rest of us mourn whenever they are around.

What we want in our religion is sunshine, and the bicycle gives it. Therefore, I say, if you want to improve your piety work the pedals.

The relation of the bicycle to the Sabbath and the sanctuary is not so pleasing to contemplate, for at present it militates against both. Sunday has become pre-eminently the wheelman's day. It is the only day many hard-worked people have to ride, and ride they will, in spite of past traditions or present protestations.

I am not so liberal as to say that riding a bicycle on a Sunday is a sin any more than taking a walk is a sin. Those who claim that wheeling makes the rider work on Sunday forget that this form of exercise requires less effort than walking.

So far as exertion is concerned, the bicycle is a labor-saving device, it being easier to ride fifty miles than walk ten. Furthermore, the man who goes to church on his wheel keeps the Sabbath better than the person taking a trolley or elevated car, for the cyclist compels none of his hearers to work on the Sabbath, such as men, conductors, engineers, fire-

men, guards, gatekeepers and ticket sellers. In fact, the tendency of the wheel is to relieve Sunday transportation and break the fetters of these employees who labor seven days in the week and know not the meaning of Sabbath rest. In my judgment wheeling is the least objectionable form of Sunday locomotion, for it forces neither man nor beast to break the fourth commandment.

Still the bicycle can be abused and made detrimental to religion and the church. The undeniable temptation of wheelmen is to take long spins on the Sabbath Day and neglect the sanctuary.

At first Sunday riding was confined to men. But to-day women follow the example of the men, and combinedly they ride by the tens of thousands.

A mighty change has taken place during the past five years, and I am convinced that you can no more stop the Sunday wheeling than you can make Niagara turn on itself and flow backward. To scold and fume against this innovation reveals a lack of discernment and hopeless impotence.

This is a free country, and people will do as they please. Americans cannot be driven, and an excessively narrow treatment of this subject only makes matters worse.

We are "confronted with a condition," and must adapt ourselves to the change as best we can. It is bad policy, in my judgment, to hold any religious service on Sunday afternoon, as this is the most popular time for wheeling.

We have no exercises whatever in my church from 1 o'clock to 3:45. A five-hour spin is enough for any man or woman, and wheeling beyond that limit is both tiresome and injurious. Henry Ward Beecher was once asked why he did not have an afternoon preaching service, and he replied that he knew better than to talk against Fulton Market.

Of course, a Christian should not neglect the regular church services, and he need not neglect them if they are properly arranged. Members of the church should be conscientious in this matter, and ought not to allow their love of sport to overshadow and kill out their religion.

And I ask those who are not church members if our civilization can afford to dispense with the churches and turn the Sabbath into a purely secular holiday. This is a grave question, and wheelmen must answer for themselves.

It appeals to patriotism, as well as piety. One partial and practical solution of this problem would be the universal establishment of the Saturday half holiday, now so common in England, but imperfectly realized in the United States. If people could play a half of Saturday they would be more inclined to rest and go to church on Sunday. If the League of American Wheelmen would advocate the Saturday half holiday and push that reform as vigorously as they advocate good roads, they would confer a great and lasting benefit upon humanity, religion and native land.

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ODD AID TO CYCLISTS.

By a New Invention the Bicycle Rider Can Frighten Away All Dogs That Would Bite.

The latest thing in the Patent Office is an electric light and a crystal, to be alternately, by night and day, attached to the heel of a bicyclist's shoe. It is principally intended to frighten dogs, which have a habit of snapping at cyclists' heels.

The new invention is of the simplest sort imaginable, and its flashing rays blind the dogs when they come upon the cyclists and send them yelping away to leave the rider to pursue his way in peace.

Ignaz Capelle, the inventor of the device, conceived his idea after having had many escapes from animals that came upon him suddenly in lonely places. "Is there any way to protect one's life?" he asked a friend one day. And the answer came: "Give them your eye." He meant that an old idea was to be followed out, and that the dogs were to be mesmerized by the penetrating glance of the eyes.

But Mr. Capelle decided that bicycle riders, especially women, when attacked by the sharp fangs of cut-throats were too much alarmed to use the eye method, and then, too, he understood that in the majority of cases the dogs kept their eyes bent on the ground, seeming to understand all about the efficacy of flashing glances of the human eye. So he finally came to the conclusion that the only relief would be in the making of an artificial eye, that could never be daunted or closed, that should be arranged at a proper position where the dog's eyes could not get away from it.

The new invention is that artificial eye. An electric light is fixed in a lamp, and to be attached to the heel of the cyclist's shoe in the night, while for the day the electric lamp is taken out and replaced by a crystal of diamond brilliancy which scintillates in the rays of the sun with the motion of the wheelman's foot on the pedal. These rays, by night and by day, will ward off any dog that lives, and has, in common with all dogs, an appetite for cyclists.

The chief charm of the new dog spur, beyond its efficacy, is its simplicity of construction and the ease and convenience with which it can be used.

Once this novel spur is fastened to the foot the bicyclist can go where he will, without fear of dogs or any other roving animal.

Syndicate Buying the Academy.

It is reported that a firm of Montague street brokers have been buying up shares of the Brooklyn Academy of Music stock with a view of getting control of the building. The Henry S. Ives estate owned 200 shares. The syndicate has bought the stock.

A Day's Outing in the Mountains.

An excursion will leave New York next Wednesday, July 15, for a day's outing in the picturesque mountain scenery of North Eastern Pennsylvania. Mauch Chunk and Glen Oniah are the objective points, and the outing will include a ride on the celebrated Switchback Railroad. The excursion will be conducted by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which will put a special train with an improved lunch car for the day.

WASHINGTON PROGRAMME

Here is a Brief Summary of Convention Proceedings Day by Day.

Day by day the work of the fifteenth Christian Endeavor Convention has been briefly as follows:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8.
Evening meetings in twenty Washington churches. After the addresses a "quiet hour" for meditation; also lectures illustrated by stereopticons.

THURSDAY, JULY 9.
Convention opened at 10 o'clock by President Clark in Tent Washington. Singing by three choirs of 1,000 voices each, led by Percy S. Foster, Peter P. Bilhorn and E. O. Excell. Mr. W. H. Smith, chairman of Reception Committee, welcomed guests in Tent Washington. "Hymn of Welcome," composed by Colonel John Hay, rendered by the chorus. Reading of the secretary's report, and of President Clark's annual address. Afternoon denominational rallies held in twenty-eight Washington churches. At night meetings in the tents, as well as in Central Hall and in five churches, with addresses on Christian citizenship and total abstinence aspects of Christian Endeavor.

FRIDAY, JULY 10.
Early morning prayer meetings in thirty churches. "Saved to Serve" the general topic of the day. Meetings in the tents 9:30. In Wesley M. E. Church, from 9:30 until noon, a platform meeting devoted to methods of work for the Juniors. Evangelistic meetings at Central Union Mission and elsewhere in Washington. Officers' conferences from 2:30 to 4, and committee conferences 5:30 to 6:30. Evening meetings in the tents and in Central Hall and churches. A busy day for all endeavorers, and a large number of interesting addresses.

SATURDAY, JULY 11.
Early morning prayer meetings in thirty churches. Junior rally in Tent Williston, meeting for men only in Tent Endeavor at 9:30. Afternoon, great open-air meeting on east side of Capitol, with chorus of 4,000 voices, assisted by Marine band; addresses and march down Pennsylvania avenue to the Treasury.

SUNDAY, JULY 12.
Early morning prayer meetings to be held in over thirty churches. Sunday school sessions at 9:30 and regular church services at 11. Afternoon denominational missionary rallies in twenty-four churches. Sabbath observance meeting in Central Hall and evangelistic meeting for citizens in Tent Washington, 4:30 to 5:30. Evening Christian Endeavor prayer meetings and regular church services.

MONDAY, JULY 13.
Early morning prayer meetings in thirty churches. Meeting of World's Union of Christian Endeavor in tents Williston and Endeavor, and in interest of Armenians in Tent Washington at 9:30. Evangelistic meeting in Central Union Mission at noon. At Central Hall, 4 to 5, informal reception to officers of State, territorial and provincial unions by officers and trustees of the United Society.

A CYCLE CHRISTENING.

The Wheeling Craze Is as Healthful in Italy, Apparently, as in This Country.

From San Salvatore, near Turin, comes the story of a christening with a bicycle setting, a "cycling christening." It was called in a Berlin paper. It took place in May. The father of the infant is Signor Gariglio, a wheelman and well-known professional cyclist.

He sent out invitations to attend the ceremony to all his cycling friends, and over eighty responded to the call. The procession to the church was headed by a new kind of tri-cycle, upon which the proud mother and father rode side by side. Then followed an escort of ten children, none over five years of age, riding bicycles. Next came the baby and the nurse on a three-wheeled tandem, and the procession was completed with the relatives and invited guests, nearly 100 in number, all mounted on gayly decorated wheels. The populace lined the streets and heartily cheered the novel procession on its way to and return from the church.

WHAT BRAIN IS TO MAN

But for His Superior Development in This Respect He Would be Vastly Inferior to Other Animals.

If animals had the brain of man, the chances are they could do all that he does. In fact, the superior size and complexity of the brain is the one anatomical peculiarity of man with which he could least easily dispense.

The only other important anatomical differences between man and the highest of the lower animals are that in the former the feet are flatter and firmer, and the legs stronger, so that he can maintain himself easily in the erect position. If the highest apes possessed man's brain, they would be able to do nearly everything that he can do, for their thumb is opposable to their fingers, and they would acquire manual dexterity equal to his.

If the human brain were reduced to the dimensions and simplicity of an ape's brain, we should sink to his mental level, and we should be inferior to him in physical structure, since the thumb of our lower limbs is not opposable, and in the struggle for life we should be beaten by creatures who would be able to climb so much better than ourselves.

Piano Excellence.
This is an era of many pianos. They can be bought for any price, almost, and it is natural to conclude that they are of all grades of excellence. There are, however, a certain few that adhere to the sound business maxim that the best is what will finally come out ahead. Conspicuous among these few is the Schubert, which has steadily advanced in favor with musicians. This piano is planned and constructed to meet the approval of professional musicians, than which there can be no severer test. It is admired for its range of tone, and its retention of tone, secured by the double-bearing bridge. The Schubert piano needs but little attention, being made to withstand hard usage and constant use.

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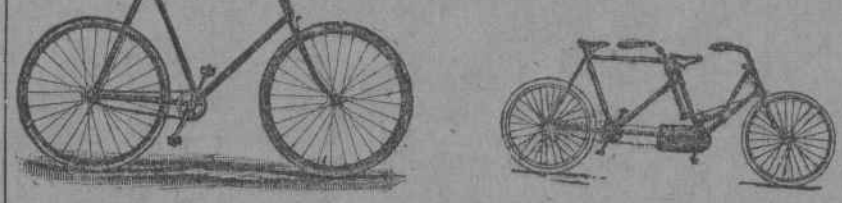
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